

In The Claims

Please cancel claim 3, without prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A cleaning medium in the form of a tape constructed to clean a head of ~~for~~ a magnetic recording apparatus as it slides along the head, comprising: a nonmagnetic support having provided thereon a lower coating layer mainly containing a nonmagnetic inorganic powder and a binder, and a cleaning layer constructed to remove debris from a recording head as it slides along the head containing at least a ferromagnetic inorganic powder and a binder provided on the lower coating layer, wherein the thickness of the cleaning layer is from 0.05 to 1.0 μm , the thickness of the lower coating layer is from 0.2 to 5.0 μm , the thickness of the support is from 2.0 to 10 μm , ~~and the total thickness in total of the cleaning medium (cleaning tape) is from 4.0 to 15 μm , the surface of the cleaning layer has from 5 to 80 protrusions having a height of from 35 to 100 nm per 900 μm^2 and the cleaning layer contains fatty acid amide, fatty acid and fatty acid ester.~~
2. (Original) The cleaning medium-for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the binder in the lower coating layer comprises a polyurethane resin which is a reaction product containing polyol and organic diisocyanate as the main starting materials, and the polyurethane resin contains, as the polyol components, from 15 to 40 wt % of a short chain diol component having a cyclic structure, from 10 to 50 wt % of a long chain polyether polyol component, and a polar group-containing long chain polyol component having a molecular weight of from 500 to 5,000.

3. (Cancelled) ~~The cleaning medium for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the cleaning layer has from 5 to 80 protrusions having a height of from 35 to 100 nm per 900 μm^2 , and the cleaning layer contains fatty acid amide, fatty acid and fatty acid ester.~~

4. (Original) The cleaning medium for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polar group-containing long chain polyol component in the polyurethane resin contains polar groups in an amount of from 1×10^{-5} eq/g to 2×10^{-4} eq/g based on the polyurethane resin.

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5. (Original) The cleaning medium for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polar group-containing long chain polyol component contains at least one polar group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$, $-\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$, $-\text{COOM}$, $-\text{PO}_3\text{M}_2$, $-\text{OPO}_3\text{M}_2$, $-\text{NR}_2$ and $-\text{N}^+\text{R}^2\text{R}'\text{COO}^-$ (wherein M represents a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, an ammonium, and R and R' each represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms).

6. (Original) The cleaning medium for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the polyurethane resin has from 3 to 20 OH groups per one molecule.

7. (Original) The cleaning medium for a magnetic recording apparatus as claimed in